

way things are flowing and the way things are working we could advance this bill off and get it processed so that we could clear up a number of the other questions that are hanging over everybody's heads. I know last time we attempted to advance the bill, it of course, failed and if it fails one more time, for example, if it failed today, I think the understanding was that the bill would move to the bottom of General File. I really believe that no matter whether you are a lover of Omaha or an outstater who never gets there or anything else, you have to pretty well concede on the basis of at least the information that has been presented to you at various times, that probably this tax is necessary at this time to continue the financing of the city. There are alternate methods as has been discussed such as an earnings tax. I don't believe there is the emotion or support for that particular proposal. So at least as of today, I would suggest we advance the bill, and I know there are some proposals for some other little changes such as a sunset or a termination in two or three years or whatever. I sure think that Omaha and everybody that looks at the issue would be receptive to looking at these, but as of today at three forty-one in the afternoon, I just hope we could move this off so that it does not move to the bottom of General File.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Labeledz, do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR LABEDZ: I will be very brief, Mr. Speaker, thank you very much. Members of the Legislature, I did want to tell you that this afternoon, I see Senator Chambers just entered the chamber, I met with approximately a hundred and ten women this afternoon and I spoke to them on some legislation that we have before us in the past few days and the city's sales tax which is of great importance to me. I told them my stand on the Omaha city sales tax and how I felt about it and how my district voted on it. Then I asked them to raise their hands and tell me whether or not they supported the Omaha city sales tax extension and then putting it on the ballot to keep it permanently and Senator Dworak was in the room at the time and approximately half of the people raised their hand and I at first was a little bit disappointed because only about 50% agreed with me on the Omaha city sales tax with about approximately about a hundred and ten women present. Senator Dworak also talked to them and explained why he was opposing the Omaha city sales tax and I must go back to the point where I was talking about it and told them about the 4.10 mills that we had available to raise our property tax or the garbage pick up fee and, incidentally, with 100,000 households at five dollars per month, we would raise \$500,000 for one month or \$6,000,000 a year. Omaha's contract with Watts now is only \$4,650,000. At any rate, getting back to the vote, after